

Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Meeting held virtually due to COVID-19.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dianne Duggan.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Dianne Duggan and Erika Stuart. Others present: Members of the public, Police Chief Patrick Reese, Lieutenant Chris Jones, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, City Administrator Ian Rigg, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Samantha Jozefowicz, 4th of July Committee Member Jim Brooks and Citizens: Ron Gay, Shana Cook, Bill Lathrop and Nancy Greve.
3. **Agenda.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion was approved 2-0.
4. **Minutes.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to approve the May 6, 2020 Public Safety regular meeting minutes. Motion was approved 2-0.
5. **Citizen appearances.** None.
6. **Old Business.**
7. **New Business.**
 - A. There was much discussion regarding a privately operated 4th of July Parade. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, that the committee does not support the parade and that no City funds, employees or resources are to be used during the event and all traffic laws must be obeyed. Motion was approved 2-0.
 - B. There was discussion regarding a senior graduation cruise event. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, that no City funds, employees or resources are to be used during the event and all traffic laws must be obeyed and no state highways are to be used. Motion was approved 2-0.
 - C. A motion was made by Stuart, seconded by Duggan, to approve the Original Operators License applications for: (approved by Police Chief Reese unless otherwise noted)
 - (1) Jose E Feyen, (2) Tina Marie Phillipps.
Motion approved 2-0.
 - D. A motion was made by Stuart, seconded by Duggan, to approve the Renewal Operators License applications for: (approved by Police Chief Reese unless otherwise noted)
 - (1) LeAnn May Alf, (2) Sheri Lynn Biddick, (3) Joshua D Church, (4) Amy B EdQuist, (5) Nicole Marie Guetzke, (6) John Thomas Kopecky, (7) Dorothy Jean Patterson, (8) Amanda Marie Quarne, (9) Jeff L Rosa, (10) Vanessa Marie Slye, (11) Debra Mae Twyford, (12) Bettine Sue VanDeMark.
Motion approved 2-0.
8. **Police Department Report.** Chief Reese gave the written monthly report covering the training for officers, community outreach, updates in the department, staffing matters, and accreditation. No officers currently in the field training program. Chief Reese was accepted into WI Command College which starts in the fall. Over 90 applicants applied and 35 were accepted. Officers Schmidt and Nankee have started SWAT and SIU training/involvement

again. Officers Schmidt and Nankee were signed up for taser re-certification training. They are our department taser instructors. Officer Reilly is planning a firearms training for low light techniques to be held in the next coming months. Officers Schmidt and Nankee are planning a taser re-certification class. Likely to be held after new hires so they are included. Several birthday drive by events were held last month. Officer Rittenhouse continues to be our COVID-19 resource officer. She is back on full duty patrol. Plans to assist with traffic control during drive up diploma handouts after virtual graduation. Chief Reese will assist Mount Horeb PD with oral interviews for a promotional process they are conducting on 06/08/20. Assistance and support was given to Building a Safer Evansville as they move their office to the UCC. Community candle light vigil was held at the park on 06/01/20. Officer Tway attended and offered support. A joint letter signed by Reese, Jennifer Braun (BASE) and Jason Knott (Principal Evansville High School) was mailed out to all seniors with a free ice cream treat to the Twisted Kone. Lieutenant Jones assisted the Municipal Court with a test run of virtual court. We have concerns with how we will be able to properly hold court in the current court room. Some options were discussed with Judge Alisankus. Officer Nankee inventoried and inspected all our Tasers, Narcan, replaced expired Narcan and made recommendations on Taser supplies needing to be ordered. Lieutenant Jones had a virtual meeting with Watch Dog – body camera and squad camera company to learn about and gather information on other body cameras knowing ours are starting to fail. 5 applicants were interviewed 06/03/20 – second interviews will be conducted by Lieutenant Jones and Chief Reese. Sergeant promotion posted. An outside interview panel was set up for interviews on 06/10/20. 2 internal candidates applied. Officer Price (part-time) resigned. Calls for May were 1224 in 2020 and 1193 in 2019.

9. **EMS Report.** Chief Kessenich sent the report electronically. There were 34 calls for service during the month of May 2020 and 43 calls for service during the month of May 2019. 204 to date call volume for 2020 and 250 to date call volume for 2019. Decrease in call volume continues. Obtaining PPE continues to be my top priority along with the safety of staff when responding to emergency calls. Continue to wear full PPE is being worn on all calls: N95 mask, safety glasses/goggles, face shield, gown and boot/shoe covers. Drivers have been allowed to submit availability for the month of June and have been placed back on the schedule. They were advised this could change if we were to see a spike in cases. We continue to remain in contact with PD and Fire with medical responses making sure that everyone is wearing PPE and staying safe with approaching patients. During this time, we have had the ability to have our ambulances decontaminated at the Janesville Fire Department when we suspect patient may have COVID-19 related symptoms that we are concerned with contamination. They have a complete decontamination station/bay set up with showers available staff as well, so that the contamination and potential exposure is limited. We will look to move forward with some training on a limited basis with social distancing occurring.
10. **Meeting Reminder:** Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 6:00 pm.
11. **Motion to adjourn.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Stuart, to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Motion was approved 2-0.

Samantha Jozefowicz
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

The minutes are not official until approved by the Public Safety Committee at the next regular meeting.